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SUBJECT: DUTCH REQUEST FOR AVIATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE

1. NETHERLANDS CHARGE VAN AERSSSEN CALLED ON DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM (S/CCT), JOHN GATCH, MARCH 20 TO REQUEST ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES FOR KLM FLIGHTS AT FOUR US AIRPORTS. CITING RECENT KLM HIJACK ATTEMPT IN BEIRUT AND DETENTION IN NETHERLANDS OF TWO FOILED HIJACKERS FOLLOWING BOAC INCIDENT AT SCHIPHOL, VAN AERSSSEN SAID GON APPROACH IS BEING MADE FOR ALL AIRPORTS WHERE KLM OPERATES. GON SEEKS ASSISTANCE IN (1) SCREENING PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE ON ALL DEPARTING FLIGHTS, AND (2) GUARDING OF AIRCRAFT WHILE ON THE GROUND.

2. KROHN (FAA) POINTED OUT THAT BOTH SCREENING AND GUARDING OF PLANES WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARRIER, BUT ADDED THAT FAA WOULD INFORM ITS PERSONNEL AT THE FOUR AIRPORTS TO BE ESPECIALLY ALERT REGARDING KLM

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FLIGHTS. IN ADDITION, FAA COULD SUPPLY EXTRA SECURITY

GUARDS AT KLM DEPARTURE GATES TO BE ON HAND IN CASE OF AN INCIDENT. HOWEVER, CARRIER MUST CONDUCT ACTUAL SCREENING.

3. KROHN SUGGESTED THAT KLM SECURITY PERSONNEL VISIT US TO DISCUSS WITH FAA SPECIALISTS VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF

IMPROVING AIRPORT AND AVIATION SECURITY. VAN AERSSEN GREATLY APPRECIATED USG INTEREST AND WILL TRANSMIT FAA OFFER TO GON. VAN AERSSEN BELIEVED KLM WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY THE HAGUE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO INITIATE FOLLOW-ON CONTACTS WITH FAA/WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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